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Addendum

C. Implementation in areas requiring urgent action

3. Means of implementation

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 99 and 100 of section C.3 of the proposed outcome of the special session (A/S-19/14-E/1997/60, section I.B) at its ___th meeting on ___ June 1997.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the section to the special session for adoption.

(a) Paragraph 99 was revised to read:

"Taking into account the provisions of Chapter 39, particularly paragraph 39.1, of Agenda 21, it is necessary to continue the progressive development and, as and when appropriate, codification of international law related to sustainable development. Relevant bodies, where such tasks are being undertaken, should cooperate and coordinate in this regard."

(b) Paragraph 100 was revised to read:

"Implementation of and compliance with commitments made under international treaties and other instruments in the field of environment remains a priority. Implementation can be promoted by secure, sustained and predictable financial support, sufficient institutional capacity, human resources and adequate access to

technology. Cooperation on implementation between States on mutually agreed terms may help reduce potential sources of conflict between States. In this context, States should further study and consider methods to broaden and make more effective the range of techniques available at present, taking into account relevant experience under existing agreements and, where appropriate, modalities for dispute avoidance and settlement, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations. It is also important to further improve reporting and data-collection systems and to further develop appropriate compliance mechanisms and procedures, on a mutually agreed basis, to help and encourage States to fulfil all their obligations, including means of implementation, under multilateral environmental agreements. Developing countries should be assisted to develop these tools according to country-specific conditions."